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The Study Abroad Fair will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today in the K-State Student Union Courtyard. For the story, go to kstatecollegian.com.

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Get ready for the 53rd annual K-State Collegiate Rodeo this weekend. Find out more information on the events in Weber Arena on Page 8.

Check out men's basketball video coverage and sports Podcast on the kstatecollegian.com.

## Schulz to meet and greet today

**By Elise Podhajsky**KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State's next president, Kirk Schulz, will be formally introduced during a meet-

and-greet session today from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Tadtman Board Room in the K-State Alumni Center.





government relations and communications, said Board chair Donna Shank will introduce Schulz at 10 a.m. and after a few quick remarks, the meet and greet will commence.

The meeting is a chance for students, faculty members, staff and Manhattan residents to personally meet the university's newest president.

The Board will sponsor the come-and-go event, which is free and open to the public.

## Latest SPUB bill goes to SGA tonight

**By Steven Miller** KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Thursday's Student Governing Association meeting, a bill concerning a budget increase to Student Publications Inc. will be introduced yet again to student senators.

First on the agenda is the approval of Student-Centered Tuition Enhancements, which range from \$100,000 for the Educational Opportunity Fund to \$9,900 for pre-law advising.

Senators will vote on these allocations as a whole, and will also vote on allocations for em-Power cats, Collegiate Music Educators National Conference, KSU Aikido Club, and International Coordinating Coun-

Other new allocations would send three groups on educational trips, and bring lecturer Dr. Raj Bhala to the African Student Union.

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## Stimulus provides more funds for students

**By Jason Miller** KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Each day, news coverage of the financial status of the U.S. seems to get bleaker. While unemployment rates and college tuition are simultaneously rising, more people are choosing to continue higher education than to continue braving the ever-growing unemployment population. The stimulus plan put forth by President Barack Obama finally made its way through the Senate last week, offering hope to many Americans. Tuesday, President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act into law. The plan brought with it a \$32 billion present for higher education.

"It's an investment that will create a new \$2,500 annual tax credit to put the dream of a college degree within reach for middle class families and make college affordable for seven million students, helping more of our sons and daughters aim higher, reach farther and fulfill their God-given potential," Obama said at the bill signing in Denver.

Those who stand the most to gain are college students from lower- and middle-income families. Pell Grants, which help the

lowest-income students attend college, would increase from a maximum of \$4,731 currently to \$5,350 starting July 1 and to \$5,550 in 2010 through 2011. In doing this, Congress increased the maximum Pell Grant financial aid award by \$500.

"The stimulus bill was designed to spend and so if you're

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## Shocking news



Sara Manco | COLLEGIAN

Riley County Police Department Director **Brad Schoen** is tased in a class to demonstrate the effects of using a Taser on a person at RCPD headquarters Wednesday morning. Schoen later said, "I feel like I just got off the bike after 40 miles."

## Reporter experiences Taser's effects at RCPD training

**By Whitney Hodgin** KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Being shocked with a TASER X26 is similar to the "Lightning Reaction Extreme Game," available for \$30 at Spencer's Gift Store, except my whole body recoiled in pain rather than just the hand gripping the rip-off.

The Riley County Police Department has 19 Tasers capable of deploying 50,000 volts into an aggressive sus-

pect's body. It's not as bad as it sounds - a static spark from shuffling feet on carpet constitutes about 30,000 volts.

"It's not the volts that hurt you, it's the amps," said Sgt. Tim Schuck at a Taser training session Wednesday morning at the RCPD station.

several members of the media attended for informational purposes, while others chose to test their mettle. The Taser's spell rendered me immobile while the charge was being admitted,

but the discomfort subsided immediately after.

Tasers have been assigned to certain officers, including Aggieville patrol officers, to use as an alternative to physically fighting with an aggressor or using pepper spray, a baton, or a gun.

"Departments across the country have recorded fewer injuries for officers because they're not having to go hands-

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## Former students' Social Security numbers found on K-State Web site

**By Molly Sanders**KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Forty-five students who were enrolled in "Computer Applications in Agricultural Economics" in spring 2001 were notified that their personal information, in-

were available on the Internet until last month.

K-State was notified after a student who was enrolled in the class searched his name online and found the page, which had

cluding Social Security numbers,

Allen Featherstone, professor in agricultural economics, said

been accessible for eight years.

the pages were no longer active but had not been taken down and could still be accessed via search engines. Though Featherstone was not employed at K-State in 2001, he said a file with the students' grades was posted so the students could access them, but it should have been another page without Social Security numbers on it that should have been posted.

"We wanted the students to be able to protect themselves," Featherstone said. "We encouraged them to run credit checks and to put alerts on their accounts." No accounts of identity theft have been reported.

Aside from notifying the students, the department of agricultural economics went through its Web pages, took down all dead sites and notified search engines, including Google and Yahoo, about the sites. Some search engines retain the ability to let users gain access to the pages even after

they are no longer active.

Harvard Townsend, chief information security officer at K-State, said in a recent news release that faculty and staff should take care and be more aware in terms of protecting personal stu-

dent information.

When asked if an incident like this could occur in the future, Featherstone said since the information was posted pre-Sept. 11, identity theft was not as much of a concern as it is today, and security measures have greatly improved since then through applications like K-State Online.

K-State is currently in the process of eliminating the use of Social Security numbers as a form of identification through the use of the Wildcat ID number.

Some students at K-State said they are a bit unnerved about the incident but confident in the cur-

rent security methods in place at K-State.

"I think if I was one of those students, I would have gone through and looked at every penny I ever spent to make sure it was actually me who spent it," said Mallory Larsen, sophomore in pre-professional elementary education. "But at the same time, I'm not really nervous about it happening to me. Typing a password is like second nature to me now because I do it so much. I think my information is pretty secure."

None of the affected 45 students were available for com-



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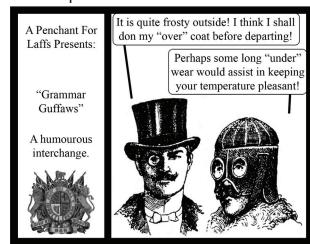
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My dear sir! I find your reference to my unmentionables quite offensive! Heavens! I merely thought we were having a "Prepositional duel!" I offer "up" a hearty apology!



#### THE PLANNER

**CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD** 

Intramural entries for whiffleball and dodgeball will be **accepted** today in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex. The whiffleball tournament will take place on Saturday and dodgeball on March 7. For more information, call 785-532-6980 or go to www.recservices.k-state.edu.

The Disney College Program will give a presentation at 12:30 p.m. today in the K-State Student Union 213.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Sherry Miller at 9 a.m. today in Chalmers 036. The thesis topic is "RNA Interference in the Red Flour Beetle Tribolium Castaneum."

Applications for Mortar Board National Senior Honor Society are now available online at www.k-state.edu/mortarboard. Juniors and seniors with 75 or more credit hours and a 3.0 GPA are encouraged to apply. Applications are due by noon Friday.

The Design Expo will be Monday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the K-State Student Union Ballroom. It is sponsored by Career and **Employment Services.** 

The Student Homecoming Committee is seeking applicants. Pick up an application at the K-State Alumni Center or complete one online at www.k-state.com/homecoming. Applications are due at 5 p.m. Wednesday.

The College of Business Administration will have an information session for students interested in studying abroad in Italy this fall. The session will be at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in Calvin 102. A CIMBA representative will be there with a special Italian treat.

Career and Employment Services is organizing a spring Dining Etiquette program at 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 26 in the Derby Dining Center's Gold Room. Students will learn the finer points of dining while interviewing. Professional business attire is required. The cost is \$7.50 per person (or \$5 for students with a K-State meal plan). Reservations must be made by Friday through CES by calling 785-532-6506 or stopping by Holtz 100.

Recreational Services is offering an eight-session nutrition class for K-State students and faculty members interested in learning more about making better food choices. The class will meet from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning March 3. The \$25 registration fee includes all eight sessions. Sign up by Feb. 27 in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex. For more information, contact Melissa Haug at 785-532-6980.

Nomination forms for the Anderson Awards for Outstanding Seniors may be picked up at the K-State Alumni Center or completed at www.k-state.com/programs/awards.

Anyone is free to nominate a senior who has shown outstanding leadership, service, academics or inspiration. The forms are due by 5 p.m. March 6 to the Alumni Center. For questions, call 785-532-6260.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Mark Harrison at 2:30 p.m. March 12 in Rathbone 3053. The thesis topic is "The Effects of Using Aliovalent Doping in Cerium Bromide Scintillation Crystals."

A \$500 scholarship for the fall semester for nontraditional students is being offered by the League of Women Voters. The deadline is March 15. Check with the Office of Nontraditional Student Services in Holton 101 or www.ksu. edu/adult/scholarships for more information.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of William Bryant at 10:30 a.m. March 25 in Ackert 324. The thesis topic is "Caspases and Caspase Regulators in Lepidoptera and Diptera."

The Planner is the Collegian's bulletin board service. To place an item in the Planner, stop by Kedzie 116 and fill out a form or e-mail news editor Ann Conrad at news@spub.ksu.edu by 11 a.m. two days before it is to run. Some items might not appear because of space constraints but are guaranteed to appear on the day of the activity.

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They might just be posted on kstatecollegian.com, but the best one of the week will be printed right here on Page 2 every Thursday — space permitting. There are some rules: no nudity, obscene gestures or text, and no product placement.

Other than that, all pictures are fair game.

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The Collegian wishes to clarify a story that was published Friday. It was reported that a zero percent increase to Student Publications Inc.'s budget could result in budget cuts including: reducing the size of the Collegian, reducing the Collegian's circulation to four days a week, and reducing full-time staff members to part-time.

These budget cuts would be considered if advertising in the Collegian dropped below projected levels.

If you see something that should be corrected or clarified, call news editor Ann Conrad at 785-532-6556 or e-mail news@spub.ksu.edu.



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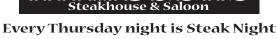
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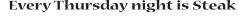
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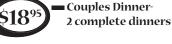




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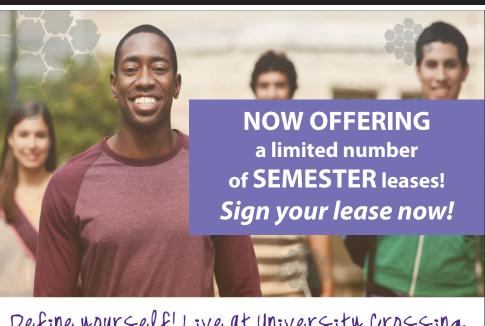


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editorial staff.

**To** the couple delousing each other next to the library: A collar might be more effective, or try some disinfectant.

Turn around.

**Tammy** Crawford, will you marry

I think Lord Voldemort lives on the first floor of Haymaker.

I had a dream I was a muffler. When I woke up, I was exhausted.

**We** weren't exactly advertising for a bassist, but we'd be happy to hear you do that voodoo that you do. Name the time and place.

**The** crows have migrated to the trees above my house, and it's really creeping me out.

**Dear** Kramer girl: I'm sorry my roommate and I laughed at you for sneezing and farting at the same time. Love, the Goodnow girls.

Fourum, do the stanky leg.

**Hey**, Fourum, I want some hot cakes. The steamy kind.

**Our** 91.9 sports broadcasting is lisptastic.

**So** tonight I was walking back from the parking lot in my suit. Was that whistle for me?

**I'm** pretty sure my dryer is eating my socks.

Mr. Allred, tear those wolves down.

**Careerbuilder.com** just said I have a good future as a bad example.

**People** with basketball tickets should either go to the game or give them to people who will.

**Dear** Justin Werner, I love you. From the girls of prowler.

**Hey,** bassist, you got a drummer?

**Kara** is my new father.

**How** insecure do you have to be to make fun of an autistic girl?

**Hey**, Huschka, the green jacket's yours. Swift is going to choke.

**If** we'd known Clemente was going to be suspended from tonight's game, we would have made a "We Love Denis" sign.

**"Real** people, real action." Sounds like a porno. In that case, we're in.

**I've** got a fever, and the only prescription is more Fourum.

**For** every 1,000 lowlifes in Tank's, there's at least one good guy. Lucky for you, I'm really easy to find. That is all.

**Sorry**, I'm ugly, and I roll hard.



## COLLEGIAN Sheila Ellis

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KANSAS STATE **COLLEGIAN** news@spub.ksu.edu Kedzie 103, Manhattan, KS 66506 TO THE POINT

## Senators, students must make their voices heard to SGA

TO THE POINT is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinion.

In an e-mail sent to the entire student body Wednesday, our student body president, Lydia Peele, stated that the Collegian misinformed readers in the Feb. 13 article "SGA votes not to override Peele's veto of SPUB bill."

As an editorial board, we would like to clarify this statement. The article in question reported that a 0 percent increase to Student Publications Inc.'s budget could have results like reducing the size of the Collegian, the Collegian's publication to four days a week and full-time staff members to part-time.

With a 0 percent increase, these options would be considered if advertising in the Collegian dropped below the projected advertising revenue — which could potentially happen. We were doing our job by reporting the facts.

Peele also stated, "The Student Publications Inc. budget is not crucial to the success of the general student body and is an unjustified expenditure in a time when we need to be more fiscally responsible with student monies."

But is it unjustified? If having an informed student body and the chance for every student's voice to be heard through the student newspaper is not crucial to K-State's success then we would agree an increase is not justified.

Students elect representatives from each college to act on our behalf. It is senators' responsibility to represent their constituents by making decisions in their best interests. We challenge the senators to use their position of authority as more than just a résumé booster and focus more on advocating for the student body.

All Student Governing Association meetings are open for the K-State community to attend as a chance to hold these representatives accountable. SGA meets weekly at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the K-State Student Union Big 12 Room. If you care about how your money is being spent, we challenge you to make your voices heard.

## On her own two feet



## Superheroine stands for justice despite sexuality



WHITNEY HODGIN

Batwoman is a stellar superheroine. Her utility case contains sneezing powder puffs, tear gas perfume and a periscope lipstick case. Her bracelets double as handcuffs. She drives a motorcycle she built herself. And she's a lesbian.

This isn't news to comic book fanatics, but the shock and awe has made a resurgence in headlines because a new 12-part anthology as part of "Detective Comics" will debut in June, starring the gay superheroine. The controversy surrounding her illustrative career is as intricate and tangled as Spider-man's laundry, but I'm a fan.

Batwoman creator Greg Rucka's response to public outrage was featured

on *comicbookresources.com* Feb. 9, and provides a vintage KAPOW! for my argument.

"Yes, she's a lesbian. She's also a redhead. It is an element of her character. It is not her character ... My job is to write the best book I can about a character that I think is exceptionally cool ... and worthy of being the lead player in 'Detective Comics' And frankly, she should be judged on her merits."

Batwoman, whose real name is Kate Kane, is hardly the first gay superhero(ine). The Web site *gayleague. com* has a comprehensive list of all certified bisexual or gay comic book characters. On that list is Captain Metropolis, the leader of The Watchmen, who had a relationship with Hooded Justice. DC's "The Authority" series features a gay power couple too. The Rawhide Kid was a 19th-century gay crime fighter.

People who have a problem with a superheroine's sexuality obviously do not appreciate the power of tear gas perfume. Those same people probably do appreciate how reflective their opinion is of their moral values, and that offends me

If even Batwoman cannot come out

of the closet for a 21st-century audience, what hope do closeted homosexuals have for a warm reception? Bigots use homosexuality as a weapon against everyday heroes and heroines who live their lives despite adversity, believing in themselves when no one else does.

To be fair there are those who could care less about her sexual preference, but do mind the way her feminine qualities are depicted to a largely male audience. Alas, no mainstream comic book heroine has escaped the drawing board fully clothed. Feminist cartoonists have concocted a remedy for this handicap but have yet to reach a wide audience. But publisher DC Comics consider it unnecessary to include a frame in "Detective Comics" for Batwoman to question the sexuality of those she rescues, so it must not matter much in a life and death situation.

I'd rather be handcuffed by Batwoman than the Riley County Police Department any day.

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## Americans must refuse to give in to excessive hype



TIM HADACHEK

In 1945, two Antarctic explorers – Paul Sipe and Charles Passel – left two bottles of water out in the freezing cold and wind to observe the rate at which they froze and used the data to work out an equation using wind speed and air temperature. The resulting number was called the wind chill.

For 55 years, meteorologists have used the wind chill in their weather reports. But as the use of the temperature equivalency spread, people began to notice some inconsistencies. For some reason, a -40 degrees Fahrenheit wind-chill day was a lot easier to handle than a day when the actual temperature dropped to -40. By 2000, researchers began looking into the original 1945 equations. As it turns out, Sipe and Passel vastly overestimated the effect of wind on temperature. An international panel was convened to address the problem, and today our wind chill index better reflects how the air outside feels.

The wind-chill snafu illustrates one of the defining characteristics of U.S. culture: We love hype. If it's 20 degrees Fahrenheit outside, no big deal, but if the wind chill shows that it's 40 below — now there's something to talk about. No one checked the original wind-chill equations because we didn't actually care how cold it was outside, we just wanted something to chat about with our coworkers at the water cooler.

The word "hype" is likely derived from

the word "hyper is likely derived from the word "hyperbole," which means "an exaggeration not meant to be taken literally." But too often in our public discourse, hype is taken very literally.

The state of our economy is the latest issue to fall victim to this phenomenon. Like most cases of hype, the current conversation about the recession is driven by the news media. We often hear phrases like "... worst since the Great Depression" and "not since 1933 ..." when in reality, these comparisons are completely invalid. Our unemployment rate currently sits at about seven percent, while nearly a quarter of the popu lace was out of work during the height of the Great Depression. Yet this hype was recently used to make the public think a nearly trillion-dollar stimulus package was necessary to save the economy from ruin. "We have to put people back to work," proponents of the bill shouted. Never mind that the Congressional Budget Office estimated that unemployment

without the stimulus would only rise to about

9 percent.

Hype is at work in other areas besides the economy. For years, Al "Chicken Little" Gore and others have been running around telling anyone who would listen that the sky is falling. The chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change said in 2007, "If there is no action before 2012, it is too late." Sobering words to be sure. It's a lot easier to get people to listen to you when you speak in ultimatums.

The gold standard in hype is President Obama. For years before Inauguration Day, his supporters have projected their hopes and dreams upon the man. Then Jan. 20 rolled around, and all the Obamaniacs were counting on Obama to be a "different kind of politician."

Obama isn't — and that's OK. His campaign was always based around the fact that he is larger than life, but our country has survived more than 200 years with average men in the office, and it can survive another. After all, Obama prides himself on not making rash, reactionary decisions. So we as Americans need to take a deep breath, settle down, and not buy into all of the hype that is fed to us on a daily basis.

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## When I grow up ...

## Some students' career choices clear to them from beginning

**By Leah Parsons**KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Children are asked countless times what they want to be when they grow up. Some seem to "just know," but when college students take courses in majors that appear far more interesting than a student's own, it is not unusual to go through some questioning of future career choices. However, there are those who are able to commit to one major or one particular area of interest for their entire college careers.

"I've just always wanted to be a teacher," said Britt Patrick, a former K-State student who plans to resume her studies in elementary education this fall. "I've always loved kids and had a knack for them and loved seeing them succeed."

Patrick described first knowing teaching was the career for her in sixth grade.

"Growing up, I was really lucky I had such great teachers, and I just wanted to give back the education that they gave me," she said.

Patrick said she is ready to take the final step toward becoming a teacher – student teaching.

"I'm nervous and I'm excited at the same time," Patrick said. "I know it's going to be a lot of work, but that's education. I'm excited to be in a classroom everyday all day."

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Josh Conard, fifth-year student
in architecture, first became interested in architecture while in high
school.

"I took a couple of classes in high school that kind of got my interests going," Conard said. "[But] I really knew nothing about architecture before college."

One thing he said he learned quickly was the immense amount of coursework compared to most majors, especially the first couple of years.

"Part of me, after freshman year, looked at some of my friends and I thought, 'They are not doing quite as much as me,'" Conard said. "But then I realized nothing was going to pull me away."

Conard said he is anxious to graduate in May and apply the knowledge he has gained while at K-State. He said it will be the ultimate test of his choice to go into architecture because of the ever-changing economy and global circumstances affecting the architecture field.

"Right now, the architecture field is changing dramatically; buildings are responsible for 50 percent of greenhouse emissions. We're having to change our ways," Conard said. "The economy for architecture is horrible right now — it's a scary environment."

However, Conard said he thinks K-State has adequately prepared him for whatever the architecture industry will throw his way.

The Academic and Career Information Center allows students to take career assessments, explore various majors and speak with career specialists.

"Most students who have always known what they wanted to do had



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prior work or school experience," said Katie Ford, career specialist and junior in elementary education. "Most often, they had more information, more research and more knowl-

edge to make a decision."

Patrick echoed that point and said her own teachers and work experiences inspired her to pursue a career in education.

"There were times when I thought I would change my major," Patrick said, "then I would babysit or be around kids, and I would think 'I am meant to be a teacher."

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## Live music in Manhattan

#### THURSDAY

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#### FRIDAY

-Seasons After, Sorrow by Truth and The God Project at PJ's Pub, 8 p.m.

-The Mikey Needleman Band at Kite's in Aggieville, 9:30 p.m.

#### **SATURDAY**

-Samantha, Brice Edward Furr at PJ's, 8 p.m.
-The Mikey Needleman
Band at Kite's on East
U.S. Highway 24, 9:30
p.m.

## Materialism, insecurity make for dull 'Confessions'

"Confessions of a Shopaholic"

★☆☆☆☆ Movie review by Kelsey Hopson

"Confessions of a Shopaholic" is filled with cheesy one-liners and cotton candy fluff with just enough substance for a few laughs. It is a movie made for wasting a lazy afternoon.

The movie is rated PG for mild language and thematic elements. It is based on two books, "Confessions of a Shopaholic" and "Shopaholic Takes Manhattan," both by Sophie Kinsella.

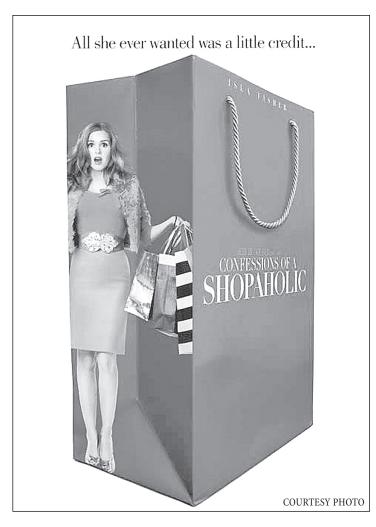
The heroine of this story is a New York journalist who dreams of working for a prestigious fashion magazine. Rebecca Bloomwood, played by Isla Fisher, has one slight problem, though. Her addiction to shopping has caused her closets to overflow with designer handbags and peep-toe pumps, not to mention her rising debt to numerous credit card companies. In order to make ends meet, Rebecca signs on to write an advice column for a financial magazine.

Rebecca's fresh approach to explaining misunderstood economic concepts using clev-

er metaphors about shoe shopping earns her the support of her boss, Luke Brandon, played by the charming Hugh Dancy. Fisher and Dancy have a natural chemistry, but they only have stale leftovers of other romantic comedies to work with. Their would-be-sweet romance leaves much to be desired with all the corny pick-up lines.

I have to give Fisher some credit. Her portrayal of Rebecca pulls on your heartstrings, rather unwillingly, from the very beginning of the movie. Her vivacious character and sincere earnestness to make amends for all of her mistakes is really endearing. I especially liked her adorably quirky best friend Suze, played by Krysten Ritter. Both of them seemed to feed off each other's energy.

There are some very good moments throughout the movie; however, the transitions between scenes are so sudden and random that I had a hard time keeping up with the plotline. The choppy editing and extended resolution at the end makes this one very long movie. I had a hard time sitting through the entire movie, but I must say the fan dance scene is well worth the wait.



#### KANSAS STATE **COLLEGIAN**

## **Martin** deserves more respect



**MANBECK** 

Reid Gettys gets it. But those closest to the situation

K-State head men's basketball coach Frank Martin is still disrespected by the local media. One might expect the national media to be ignoring his success, but they've been heaping praises on the Wildcat coach.

Gettys, who is an analyst for the Big 12 Network, spoke glowingly Tuesday morning on WHB-AM 810's "Border Patrol" about the job Martin has done this year at K-State.

"People up there don't give Frank Martin enough love," Gettys said of the Kansas media. "What [Martin] has taken and what he has done with his team and the games they've won – absolutely spectacular."

Gettys continued to praise

"Anyone anticipate this year from K-State? Anybody look at it that, 'Hey, we would be arguing whether we're a lock or a bubble?'I understand the dominance of Kansas, and I understand the history of Missouri, but I don't understand why Frank Martin doesn't get more love."

Martin didn't get much love from his peers, either. The Big 12 coaches picked the Wildcats to finish eighth in the conference standings in the preseason poll.

It's nothing new for Martin, who has been disrespected by people in the media ever since he took the job at K-

But why? Bob Huggins is one of the most credible coaches in the game. His name alone

commands respect. Martin was Huggins' righthand man, not just at K-State in 2006 but also at Cincinna-

ti the year prior to arriving in Manhattan. Shouldn't that have given Martin credibility when he landed the job? Usually, being the top assistant for a coach with more than 600 wins and a

74 percent winning percentage would do so - wouldn't it? After all, long-time Duke assistant Johnny Dawkins had never been a head coach once in his career, but was instantly accepted as a media darling when he was hired at Stanford this past year as the

Mike Krzyzewski for 10 years. One would venture to think that if Martin had served under Krzyzewski for a few years, he would have been a top hire in the media's eves.

head coach. Why? Because he worked with Blue Devils coach

The national media is starting to recognize the success, but the local media - not so much. It's a shame because Martin has done a magnificent job

Many people have said Martin was a product of having two one-and-done players in Michael Beasley and Bill Walker. He has proven now that he

can win without them. He has raised the expectations of K-State fans, a group that, for more than a decade, sat and hoped for an NIT bid.

Now, K-State fans continually hit the refresh button on their Internet browser to see whether ESPN's daily bracketologist Joe Lunardi has the Wildcats in his bracket.

Martin's players might not have the talent of a top-four team in the conference, but they play like they do.

Credit goes where credit is due, and Martin, you deserve the credit for what you've done. It's time the rest of the local media jumps on the bandwagon before there's no room

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## Clawed



Joslyn Brown | COLLEGIAN

K-State forward Ashley Sweat goes up against Missouri guard RaeShara Brown (23) and forward Marissa Scott (32) on Feb. 4 during the teams' first meeting, which the Cats won. The Wildcats lost the rematch Wednesday night in Columbia, Mo., by a score of 43-52.

## Cats stumble on the road at Missouri

By Britton Drown KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

It looked early on as if the No. 14 K-State Wildcats would cruise to their second consecutive "Pink Zone" victory Wednesday as Missouri presented its breast cancer awareness game for the Women's Basketball Coaches Association in Columbia, Mo.

The Cats (20-4, 7-4 Big 12 Conference) were looking to sweep the season series against the Tigers, and after jumping out to a quick 8-0 lead, it looked as if K-State would easily do so.

However, after losing that lead and struggling offensively, K-State dropped its third consecutive Big 12 road game,

Senior point guard Shalee Lehning missed her second consecutive game due to a mononucleosis infection and is still

listed as day to day. Junior forward Ashley Sweat led the

Wildcats in scoring with 17 points. However, the Wildcat offense struggled from the field throughout the second half, shooting a mere 30 percent on 52 shot attempts, and going 1-18 from behind the 3-point line.

In their previous meeting with the Tigers, the Wildcats won a close contest 58-54, thanks to a strong shooting performance and productive bench perfor-

Following the 8-0 run to start the game, the Tigers were forced to take a timeout with 17:21 remaining in the half. However, after the timeout Missouri slowly chipped away at K-State's lead and momentum.

Following the timeout, Alyssa Hollins and Shakara Jones took control of the Tiger attack. They combined for 15 points in the remainder of the half, silencing the early Wildcat push. Hollins finished the game with 13 points, while Jones had 12.

A foul by K-State guard Kelsey Nelson with 5:19 remaining in the first half of play pushed the Tigers ahead of the Wildcats with a 17-16 lead as Jones made both free throws.

With the lead the Tigers continued to gain momentum and took a 26-20 lead heading to the halftime break

This momentum carried into the second half as Jessera Johnson pounced on the Wildcats and scored nine points to

give the Tigers a comfortable lead. With the loss, K-State continues to struggle on the road, while the Tigers (12-12, 3-8 Big 12) prevented the Wildcats from sweeping the season series.

K-State will return to action this weekend, as they play Colorado for the first time this season. The Wildcats will look to stay perfect at home this season as they have won all 11 games within the friendly confines of Bramlage Coliseum.

Tip-off is scheduled for 2 p.m. Satur-

**BASEBALL** 

## K-State opens 2009 campaign at Houston on Friday

By Blake Thorson KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Coming off an impressive finish to the 2008 season, the K-State baseball team now looks to build on last year's strong finish. The 2008 season included the Wildcats' first trip to the Big 12 Conference championship game, a sweep of in-state rival Kansas and the team's highest conference finish since 2002.

After losing a multitude of players to graduation and the MLB draft, some might see this season as a rebuilding year for coach Brad Hill and his club. However, the Wildcats' skipper doesn't see it that

way.
"Well, our expectations are we want to continue to improve the program, win the Big 12 and try to make a regional; I don't think those goals ever change," said Hill, who was recently inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame for his

coaching tenure at Central Missouri State. Much of K-State's success this season will hinge on the ability of a young pitching staff to step up and give the Cats quality innings throughout the season. The Wildcats re-

turn only three pitchers

with starting experience for

the 2009 campaign. Junior A.J. Morris, who will start Friday for K-State's opener against Houston, and seniors Lance Hoge and Todd Vogel are the only pitchers with any starting experience for this year's club.

However, Hill said he thinks many pitchers on the 2009 team will be versatile enough to contribute both as starters and out of the bullben.

be sophomore Thomas Rooke, who was recently named to the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Stopper of the Year Award Preseason Watch List. The left-hander anchored the Wildcats' bullpen last season with a 3.59 ERA in 25 appear-

cats should be one of the more sound teams in the the nation with returning starters aplenty.

table," Hill said.

Drew

One such pitcher might ances.

On defense, the Wildconference and possibly

"Defensively I really like what we can bring to the

Offensively, the team returns a solid core of players including junior first baseman Justin Bloxom, who led the team in nearly every offensive category last

Biery returns



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

Pitcher Matt Applegate warms up his arm at practice on Tuesday, warming up for the Cats game against Houston on Friday.

for his senior season as the leader of the infield at shortstop. Returning contributors Carter Jurica, Jason King, Dane Yelovich, Rob Vaughn and Jordan Cruz will provide the Cats with a lineup full of experienced hitters.

Hill said many of this year's returning players have shown glimpses of what they are capable of but now must maximize

that potential. "These are guys that have all shown flashes," he

said. "But flashes this year ain't gonna cut it. We need all those guys to put it all together and keep those rough stretches to a minimum."

The Wildcats have also brought in a stellar recruiting class that many feel is the best of Hill's coaching tenure. Highly-touted freshman outfielder Nick Martini is poised to start for the Cats this season and hopes to add a spark both offensively and defensively. The class also includes

three former junior-college pitchers who might be relied on at some point during the season to provide depth to the staff and pen.

"I think we are on the right track with getting better athletes, better players that fit the system we are trying to implement here," Hill said.

The Wildcats will open their season Friday against the Houston Cougars at Cougar Field in Houston. First pitch is scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

## 'Remember the Titans' coach speaks at Fort Riley event

By Jacie Noel KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Herman Boone, the high-school football coach who inspired the movie

"Remem ber the Titans,' said diversity is not about skin color but who someone is as a person at a presentation



Boone

Wednesday. Boone was the featured speaker at the post's African-American Black History Month Observance at Riley's Conference Center. The event was sponsored by the 1st Infantry Division Equal Opportuni-

"I told the Titans, 'I don't care if you don't like each other ... I don't like half of y'all. But everybody on this team simply deserves to be respected," Boone said.

Boone was hired as head football coach in 1971 for T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, Va. After overcoming the obstacles of an integrated school, the Titans went on to the state football championship, a story that spawned a popular film in 2000.

"I believe my story is but one of many like yours: facing adversity, challenges that sometimes seem invisible," Boone said. "'Remember the Titans' is one of those stories."

Boone said the movie is about traits everyone has: courage, strength, leadership and teamwork, as exemplified by "some incredible young men who decided to break the mold of our nation."

"They decided to accept the soul of an individual rather than reject any human being on the face of this earth based on the color of their skin," Boone

Boone said his story reflects his experience with race relations in the

"I decided one day I had had enough," Boone said. "I told the superintendent, 'I came here as a colored boy, but by God, I'm going to leave as a proud black man."

The former coach said the most meaningful moment of his career was not just bringing the team together but bringing parents together.

"The black and white parents began their journeys separate - wouldn't speak to each other, wouldn't sit with each other, but around the sixth game all of them decided to wear a sea of red showing solidarity and acceptance of their team," Boone said. "That was the most gratifying thing in my coaching career - having to coach a team that was separate in mentality, separate in race, then having to deal with parents. It was a little bit

Boone told the story of meeting Barack Obama while attending Obama's speech at T.C. Willams High School in September 2008. Boone was sitting in the nosebleed section when the Secret Service appeared and told him Obama would like to see him.

"I walked down to the front of the aisle before 10,000 people watching me, wondering, 'Where in the world is he going?" Barack came off the stage and put his arms around me and whispered to me, 'Thank you.' And you're the first ones who know this," Boone said. "Newspaper reporters have asked me, 'What did he say to you?' You are the first ones to know that he said to me, 'Thank you.'"

Boone said the message he wanted to get across was that people learn to accept the soul of the individual rather than the color of their skin.

'Our society today can be viewed as a quilt. Each square in the quilt is comprised of its own unique design, and these squares are stitched together by a common thread called America," Boone said.

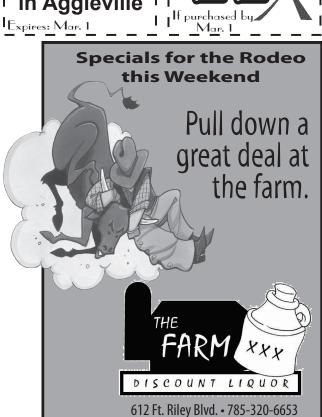
Master Sgt. Thomas Miskevish said the Equal Opportunity Leadership Course incorporates "Remember the Titans" into the course, which presented the idea of having Boone come speak.

'We looked him up, pursued him and he ac-

cepted," Miskevish said. The Junction City High School football team, which won the 6A state championship in 2008, was in attendance Wednesday.

Junction City High School senior Lamar Singletary said Boone is an inspirational coach while being an approachable person who seems to treat people with respect.





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## Student makes 'tornado dress' for healing

By Elizaveta Zheganina KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Mikyoung Whang, graduate student in apparel and textiles, emerged from a tornado shelter on June 11, 2008, to find her house entirely demolished. This traumatic experience led Whang to seek consolation by creating art. The resulting "tornado dress" became an expression of fear, hope, despair and opportunity.

Whang, her husband and her 18year-old son were watching TV in their basement when a tornado struck Manhattan. They went into a shelter less than one minute before the tornado's approach. About 10 seconds later, they could feel the tornado hit their home as the shelter's roof started leaking.

"We knew that something really bad happened," Whang said.

But even her worst nightmares paled compared to reality. When she left the shelter 20 minutes later, Whang found her house completely destroyed.

"I could not imagine what happened," Whang said. "It was so unrealistic - surreal."

Whang managed to turn this horrifying experience into a beautifully captivating "tornado dress," which wows with technique and splendor

In fall 2008, Whang took Theory and Process in Creative Design, which required students to create a final proj-

"I wanted to make something to describe my feelings that I encountered through the tornado," Whang said.

Since her specialty is apparel creation, Whang decided to make a dress to help her deal with overwhelming feelings of fear and depression.

"Artists use canvas as a medium [of communication]. I use cloth as my medium," Whang said. "I created something with thread and textile as my medium to communicate." Even before taking the class,

experience through art, so making a final project for an apparel class perfectly fit her plans. Students were required to dye fabric with natural materials. The base

Whang thought about describing her

fabric for Whang's dress was dyed with cosmos to create a natural, pale-orange color. Another layer of fabric was dyed

"It was appropriate," Whang said. "The tornado is part of nature, and the color came from nature."

Whang's dress includes layers to represent a tornado's dual effect. While the destruction of her house brought depression, the next day people from the community and department helped Whang's family salvage remaining possessions. This support encouraged Whang to move on with life.

"I felt depressed and hopeful at the same time; I could get over it with people's support - moral and financial," Whang said. "I decided to make layers: one representing depression, the other hopefulness?

Whang's dress also features pictures of her destroyed house. She used two types of images. While some picture the debris and scattered remains of what used to be her home, others are photographs of the area as it was cleared for new construction.

Whang changed some colors and textures of the photos with Photoshop and printed pictures on a silk background in different colors. She also decorated the dress with an additional layer of free-motion stitching, a technique of surface design.

It took Whang several months to complete the dress, which was finished by December. That same month, Whang and her family moved into their new home built on the same foundation.

The process of dressmaking helped Whang overcome the trauma.

"I think I could rid of my fear a bit better," Whang said. "When the first tornado destroyed my house I could not think anything positive, but then I gradually healed."

Whang's dress has been accepted to a conference sponsored by the American Association of Family Consumer Science. Since the conference emphasizes sustainability, Whang's dress perfectly fit within its frame-



"I think I was really happy when I completed this project. It helped me personally and professionally," Whang said. "Although [the tornado] was a bad experience, I made my dress, and then I healed from making it and also got recognized by the conference."

## Renowned expert on visual awareness to speak

By Tyler Sharp KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

An expert on visual awareness will speak today in the K-State Student Union.

Daniel J. Simons, a professor in the Visual Cognition and Human Performance Division at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, will provide demonstrations to accompany his lecture.

The lecture, sponsored by the Department of Psychology, will be at

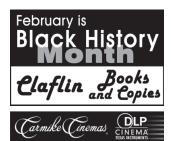
Simons' work has appeared on "Dateline NBC" and "The CBS Early Show" and has been the subject of multiple science-oriented programs. He has published more than 60 scholarly works and has been cited in such publications as the New York Times and the Washington

Simons has been awarded an American Psychological Association

3:30 p.m. in the Union's Little Theater. It is free and open to the pub-Early Career Contribution to Psychology in the area of Perception/ Motor Performance in 2003. He was an Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow from 1999-2003.

Lester Loschky, assistant professor of psychology, said the psychology department has been trying to schedule Simons since 2004.

"He's a very busy guy, so we haven't been able to do it until now," Loschky said. "I am really excited that we could finally get him here."





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## 53rd annual K-State Rodeo to feature roping, rodeo queen

**By Jacie Noel**KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State Rodeo Club is hosting the 53rd annual K-State Collegiate Rodeo this weekend at Weber Arena.

Two evening performances are scheduled Friday and Saturday, starting at 7:30 p.m. On Sunday, there will be an afternoon performance at 1 p.m. The coronation of the 2009 Miss Rodeo K-State Queen will take place at 6:45 p.m Saturday.

Events for the men will include tie-down roping, steer wrestling, bareback riding, saddle bronc riding and bull riding. For women, there will be goat tying, barrel racing and breakaway roping. There will also be team roping for both men and women.

K-State rodeo team coach Doug Muller said there are about 24 colleges in the Central Plains region scheduled to compete.

To prepare for the rodeo, men's team captain Luke Holland said the rodeo club has to find sponsors, set up the arena and make sure everything runs smoothly.

Holland, senior in construction science and management, will compete in tie-

down roping and team roping this year.

Becky Anderson, sophomore in agricultural business, said that as the women's team captain, she answers any questions the public has about the rodeo club or team and helps team members. Anderson will compete in all three women's events – barrel racing, breakaway roping and goat tying.

Holland said the rodeo team has practices, but many team members practice on their own. Holland said he practices at his house but has also practiced in the arena.

Anderson said she usually practices her events about four times a week, though she keeps her barrel racing horse in shape by exercising him every day.

"I also practice tying goats on the ground and keeping my horse tuned up," Anderson said. "For the breakaway, I practice running the calves through to keep my horse and I working good."

Tickets for the rodeo are available at the door or at Manhattan Tractor Supply Co. Student tickets are \$5, and for non-students, tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door.

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**Cody Schultz**, cowboy from Pratt Community College, wrestles a steer to the ground during the steer-wrestling event during the 2008 K-State Rodeo. The rodeo starts at 7:30 p.m. Friday night in Weber Arena.

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### **TASER** | Different devices aim for varying levels of discomfort when taking down suspects

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on for as long with folks that are being aggressive and also reducing injury to suspects," said Sgt. Greg Steere. "You don't have to get into a prolonged struggle with somebody to get them into custody."

People at risk for being "tased" are physically attacking a police officer or a third party, or threatening to harm themselves or others, Schuck said. Two kinds of Tasers pack the same punch; however, a probe shooter and a drive stun target different levels of discomfort.

"With the probes, you get the knockdown power of the muscle groups," Schuck said. "The drive stun is paincompliance only. It only affects the sensory nerves like touch, feel and temperature - nerves that make you hurt."

He informed me that the stun I received was working on both levels because it made contact with my sensory muscles and nerves. Within 15 seconds of being slowly lowered to the floor, I was ready to comply.

"With this, we controlled your behavior, and you don't want to go through that again," Schuck told me. "If we had sprayed you with pepper spray you'd still be feeling it.'

Injuries resulting from Tasers are largely due to the impact from falling, Steele said. Luckily, I had two men holding me up while I dealt with it, just like I did the first (and only) time I played "Lightning Reaction Extreme Game" at a party. Neither is an experience I want to repeat.



A rubber Taser replica was used to demonstrate how a real Taser works Wednesday morning at training for the **Riley County Police** Department.

Sara Manco COLLEGIAN

## **SGA** | Resolutions for shuttle, iTunes U

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Numerous measures of new legislation will be introduced. Increases out of the privilege fee committee include the previously mentioned Student Publications Inc. bill, and a new bill that proposes an increase to the student health budget, which would fill a vacant physician position and two vacant nursing positions at Lafene Health Center.

New resolutions include a resolution to support K-State shuttle services, followed by a resolution to support an iTunes U program, which would create a database of digital content available to students.

Proposed amendments include making universal funding regulations statutes less restrictive. Other amendments will be made to the SGA constitution and by-

### **STIMULUS** | More loans available

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giving Pell Grants to people of low incomes, they'll probably spend close to that whole \$500," said Lloyd Thomas Jr., professor of economics and department head. "In the short run, for the next couple of years, there is not enough spending going on, so they designed that tax cut to put money in people's pockets who are going to spend it."

The Pell Grant bump is big news for college students as the Senate initially had proposed a limited increase of no more than \$400 during the next

"It's good for students that need the extra money for school, in that aspect it's good for the short term," said Shawn Jones, freshman in elementary education. "But we're so far in debt already, I wonder how we

will pay this all back."

Increased government funds should also allow graduate students more access to federal loans since the Pell Grant bump should help reduce the amount that many students need to borrow. This is great news for graduate students since there has been a swell of applicants due to the declining job market.

"Some kids who thought they were going into the job market and when they haven't had much luck on their first or second interviews are starting to say, 'Well, I think I'll go back and get a masters and then two years later when things are better, enter the job market," Thomas said.

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